

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND DISCIPLINE

VS.

A. JOSEPH PEDORELLA, Jr., M.D.

No. C85-082

CONSENT ORDER

1. The Board of Medical Review, predecessor to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline [hereinafter referred to as "Board"] charged A. Joseph Pedorella, M.D., Respondent, with unprofessional conduct in violation of Chapter 5-37.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended.
2. An administrative hearing was conducted on January 29, 1986 before the Board of Medical Review. After hearing, an administrative order entered revoking Respondent's license to practice medicine "indefinitely, provided that the Board of Medical Review may, after a two (2) year period of time, consider the vacation of said revocation upon evidence that the physician has undergone Psychotherapy at an accredited Psychotherapy Center acceptable to the Board and upon the opinion of said Psychotherapy Center that the physician may resume his medical practice in a competent and professional manner". A copy of the administrative Findings, Conclusions and Order are attached hereto and incorporated as a part of this Consent Order.
3. Respondent petitioned the Board for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island.
4. Respondent has, to the best knowledge and belief of the Board, represented

in his opinion, Respondent is capable of resuming his medical practice in a competent and professional manner.

6. The Board requested and obtained two additional expert consultations and evaluations. One qualified psychiatrist, who had served as a consultant in 1986 and had predicted at that time a negative prognosis. On this occasion, he agreed with the psychologist, the primary therapist, as well as a group of psychiatrists and psychologists from New York state who also rendered an expert opinion, that the respondent was now capable of returning to practice under certain conditions.

7. Respondent has completed all continuing medical education as required by the Board.

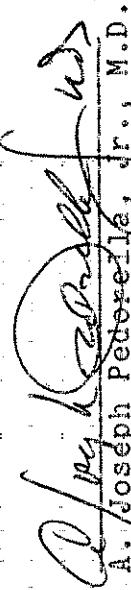
The parties agree to the following:

1. Respondent is a physician formerly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Investigating Committee I of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on Respondent if it is not approved by the Board.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;

- h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;
- i) Any objection to the fact that the Board reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the Hearing Committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative proceeding;
- j) Any objection to the fact that potential bias may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Board. It shall be published as the Board deems appropriate.
6. Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island is hereby temporarily reinstated. Respondent's practice is restricted to the practice of office gynecology. This license is revocable at the will of the Board. Respondent understands that this license may be terminated without prior notice and at the sole and unfettered discretion of the Board.
7. Respondent waives all procedural and appeal rights he may have should the Board terminate his license pursuant to paragraph six of this Order.
8. Respondent's temporary privilege to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island is hereby restricted as follows:
- a) Respondent's medical practice is restricted to office-based gynecology;
 - b) Respondent must have a female in constant attendance during any patient examination;

9. Respondent may petition the Board to allow him to practice obstetrics. Said petition "may" be granted at the sole discretion of the Board. Prior to said petition, the Respondent must provide the following information to the Board:
- a) Prior notification to the Board of any hospital staff appointments and privileges;
 - b) Prior approval to the Board of the establishment of a mechanism for senior supervision by Board-Certified obstetricians in that institution, including regular reporting to the board on not less than a bimonthly basis;
 - c) Prior approval to the Board of the establishment of a reporting mechanism by the Respondent for reporting each medical case on a bimonthly basis.
10. Respondent shall continue psychological therapy with his counsellor(s) and/or physicians. Respondent hereby waives confidentiality of said treatment and directs his counsellor(s) and/or physicians to file reports to the Board not less than every three (3) months regarding Respondent's condition, compliance and progress. Respondent shall obtain Board approval prior to any change of his therapist.
11. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, of any change in his address.

Signed this 7 day of July, 1989


A. Joseph Pedorella, Jr., M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on 22 July, 1989.